

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23

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At the end of subtitle H of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC**
2 **TIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization
5 (NATO) has been the cornerstone of transatlantic
6 security cooperation and an enduring instrument for
7 promoting stability in Europe and around the world
8 for over 65 years.

9 (2) NATO currently faces a range of security
10 challenges, including Russian aggression in Eastern
11 Europe and instability and conflict in the Middle
12 East and North Africa.

13 (3) In light of these and other threats, NATO
14 must have credible conventional and nuclear deter-
15 rence to defend NATO members against any adver-
16 sary or threat.

17 (4) Since the 2014 NATO summit in Wales and
18 the 2016 summit in Warsaw, NATO has made
19 progress in implementing a Readiness Action Plan

1 to enhance allied readiness and collective defense in
2 response to Russian aggression. However, much
3 work remains to be done.

4 (5) NATO's solidarity is strengthened by bol-
5 stering its conventional and nuclear deterrence, in-
6 creasing defense spending by NATO members, and
7 continuing the enlargement of NATO.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that—

10 (1) NATO members should—

11 (A) continue to advance the NATO Open-
12 Door Policy and build on the successes of pre-
13 vious enlargement initiatives;

14 (B) continue to work with countries that
15 are seeking to join NATO to prepare for entry;

16 (C) commend Montenegro's final accession
17 to NATO;

18 (D) seek a Dayton II agreement to resolve
19 the constitutional issues faced by Bosnia and
20 Herzegovina;

21 (E) work with the Republic of Kosovo to
22 prepare the country for entrance into the
23 NATO Partnership for Peace program;

24 (F) continue support for the NATO Mem-
25 bership Action Plan for Georgia;

1 (G) implement specific plans to ensure that
2 sufficient funding is obligated to meet NATO
3 responsibilities, including by allocating at least
4 2 percent of each member's gross domestic
5 product to defense spending, 20 percent of
6 which should be dedicated to major equipment
7 procurement, as agreed at the 2014 Wales
8 Summit and reaffirmed at the 2016 Warsaw
9 Summit;

10 (H) continue to build on efforts to address
11 security threats emanating from the Middle
12 East and North Africa by enhancing
13 counterterrorism activities, including by ex-
14 panding NATO training programs to develop
15 counterterrorism capacities in NATO partner
16 countries in those regions and bolstering the ac-
17 tivities of the new regional command at Joint
18 Force Command Naples;

19 (I) continue to bolster its conventional and
20 nuclear deterrence and promote the Enhanced
21 Forward Presence in Eastern Europe;

22 (J) as decided at the 2016 Warsaw Sum-
23 mit, use the new rotational deployments of four
24 multinational combat battalions in Poland,
25 Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia to promote sta-

1 bility in that region as well as to deter Russian
2 aggression; and

3 (K) invest in infrastructure projects nec-
4 essary to guarantee free and efficient movement
5 throughout the territories of NATO members;
6 and

7 (2) the United States should commit to main-
8 taining a robust military presence in Europe as a
9 means of promoting allied interoperability, providing
10 visible assurance to NATO allies, and deterring Rus-
11 sian aggression in the region.

